RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) University Grants Commission Circulated to all States and Universities in July 1989 a model acaedmic calendar for implementation by the Universities from the academic year 1990-91. The model academic calendar, *inter alia,* provides for a minimum of 180 teaching days every year, last date of admission, last date of completion of examinations and declaration of results. In August, 1991 UGC advised universities to adopt the model academic calendar to suit local conditions, without reducing the minimum number of teaching days. It is, therefore, left to universities to decide the duration and timing of vacations.

(c) No, Sir. Students in universities and colleges participate in Adult Education and Literacy Programmes on voluntary basis.

Survey of Gold at Kappat Gudda, Karnataka

*35. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey conducted at Kappat Gudda for mining of gold in Dharwad District in Karnataka. has shown promising results; and

(b) if so, whether the details thereof and the reasons for not starting mining work at the site and whether Government propose to privatise the mining at the earliest to bolster India's gold reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and and (b) Surveys and exploration carried out so far have indicated gold deposits in the Northern and Western flanks of Kappat Hill Ranges in Dharwad District in Karnataka. However, the deposits are generally of low grade. Estimated reserves (in situ) established through detailed exploration at Gadag Gold Field in Dharwad District are as under:

Mine Block	Estimated reserves (in situ)	
	Tonnes (in lakhs)	Gold Grade (G/T)
Hosur Champion East Block	4.38	2.84
Hosur Champion West Block	11.92	2.50
Mysore Mine Block	0.91	2.72

In view of the doubtful economic viability of the above low grade deposits, mining work has not started.

Under the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government in July, 1991, gold mining continues to be reserved for the Public Sector and the Government do not have any proposal for privatising gold mining.

New Steel Plants in North-Eastern States

*36. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish new steel plants in North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Educational uplift of Minorities

*37. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for educational uplift of minorities during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) the results achieved therefrom; and

(c) what further plans are being formulated for the educational uplift of Minorities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Major programmes taken up for the educationally backward minorities during the Seventh Plan period include coaching programme for preparing students for competitive examinations, setting up Community Polytechnics in minority concentration districts and training of teachers of minority managed schools.

(b) So far coaching classes were organised in 20 universities and 33 colleges benefitting about 24,000 candidates. A community polytechnic was set up in each of 41 minority concentration districts. 450 principals and 950 teachers belonging to minority managed schools were trained by NCERT.

(c) Programmes for educationally backward minorities would be an important component of the Eighth Five Year Plan which is under finalisation.

बनारस हिन्दु विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम में संशोधन

*38. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बनारस हिन्दु विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम में व्यापक संशोधन करने के मामले में अभी तक क्या प्रगति हुई है; और

(ख) सरकार संशोधनकारी विधेयक कब तक लाने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास (युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल विभाग) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (कुमारी ममता बनर्जी) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने बनारस हिन्दु विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम, 1915 के संशोधन हेतु विधान का प्रारूप तैयार करने के लिए 3-5-90 को एक प्रारूपण समिति का गठन किया था। प्रारूपण समिति ने बनारस हिन्दु विश्वविद्यालय के अधिनियम और संविधि में संशोधन के लिए विधान के प्रारूप सहित अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है। इनकी जांच की जा रही है।